



Application for Tracing Roots 2.0 - 2018-2019

Several years ago, in a two year partnership program between Handmaker and Hebrew High known as Tracing Roots, Tucson teens were paired with Handmaker residents, meeting once a month throughout the school year. They learned about one another by tracing their roots with Ancestry.com the first year, and by creating a cookbook the second year. Beautiful connections were made between the teens and their Handmaker partners, and some students still come and visit their Handmaker partners.

Due to the success of that program, this year we have developed Tracing Roots 2.0, which will again connect Tucson teens with Handmaker residents. With several group meetings, and flexible meeting times with partners, the goal is for participants in this program to develop meaningful intergenerational connections, in part through the creation of a book filled with biographies of their Handmaker partners.

We have room for 12 teens. If you are interested in participating in this program, please fill out this application/contract and return it to Rabbi Ruven Barkan at Hebrew High or Nanci Levy at Handmaker by Monday, October 15th, 2018. It must be signed by the student, one parent and chosen mentor/advisor. (Scanned and emailed is ok. nlevy@handmaker.org, or rabbibarkan@jfsa.org)

Tracing Roots participation will be confirmed with you by Monday, October 22, 2018.

Requirements for Tracing Roots 2.0 Participants

- **Fill out application, and return to Rabbi Ruven Barkan at Hebrew High or Nanci Levy at Handmaker by Monday, October 15th, 2018**, signed by student, one parent and chosen mentor/advisor. (Scanned and emailed is ok. nlevy@handmaker.org, or rabbibarkan@jfsa.org)
- **Attend Orientation Session at Hebrew High on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 6:30pm.** If you cannot attend, or missed this orientation, please contact Nanci Levy at 322-3632 for a review.
- **Mandatory First meeting at Handmaker on Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 1:00-4:00 pm** at which we will give a complete overview of this program, learn about Handmaker, get tips about interviewing and start to come up with a list of questions to ask your resident. You will meet all of the participating residents, and be paired up with one by the end of the meeting.
- Once paired with a resident, student must **choose four meeting dates from a list provided**, three to meet and one alternate in case of illness. (see list attached) Nanci can arrange the dates with their partner, or if they arrange the dates themselves, they must email Nanci at nlevy@handmaker.org with the dates and time at least one week before each meeting so that Nanci can remind the resident.
- Student will meet with their Handmaker partner to get to know them, and to interview them for the "Stories from our Elders" (?) book that will be published at the end of the program.
- In addition, all students must attend a **Friday night Shabbat Service and Dinner at Handmaker from 4:30-6:00 pm on either November 30th or December 7th**. One date will be chosen based on all student availability, with an alternate date for those who cannot make that date.

- **Students must check in with their Mentor/Advisor at least once per month** during the program year (October-April) by phone, email or in person to discuss their meetings with their Handmaker partner, and receive guidance.
- **Student must write up a biography of their Handmaker partner** with stories and details learned at their meetings. Please use your last meeting to review this draft with your partner to make sure of its accuracy.
- **The final draft of the biography, along with a “selfie” taken with of student and partner, is due by March 1, 2019 by email to Nanci at nlevy@handmaker.org.**
- **Student must attend a celebration at the end of the session year at Handmaker, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 2:30pm.**

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____ Zip Code _____

Student Email Address _____

Parent(s) Email Address _____

Student Cell _____ Parent(s) Cell _____

High School _____ Grade _____

Synagogue Affiliation? _____

Mentor/Advisor Choice (Circle One Name Please):

Rabbi Ruven Barkan (Hebrew High)

Rabbi Robert Eisen (Congregation Anshei Israel)

Stephanie Aaron (Congregation Chaverim)

Adina Karp (USY Advisor)

Elyse Ginsburg (Congregation Chaverim)

Rabbi Billy Lewkowicz (Tucson Hebrew Academy)

Rabbi Batsheva Appel (Temple Emanu-El)

Rabbi Israel Becker (Congregation Chofetz Chayim)

Abby Limmer (Temple Emanu-El)

Rabbi Helen Cohn (Congregation M’kor Hayim)

Kimy Westenskow (JCETY/NFTY Advisor)

Rabbi Yossi Shemtov (Congregation Young Israel)

Rabbi Thomas Louchheim (Congregation Or Chadash)

Katie Spector (BBYO Advisor)

Rina Leibeskind (Congregation Or Chadash)

Jennifer Selco (TJCC)

Other _____

Signature of Student Date

Signature of Parent Date

Signature of Mentor/Advisor Date

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Below, or in an attached document, please explain why you would like to participate in this Tracing Roots 2.0 program, and why you think that you would be an asset to the program.

Important Dates for Tracing Roots 2.0

Introduction

- Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 6:30pm at Hebrew High/Congregation Anshei Israel

Mandatory Orientation

- Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Handmaker

Friday Shabbat Service and Dinner with Residents

- Either November 30th or December 7th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Final Draft of Bio due

- March 1, 2019

Program Finale Meeting

- Sunday, April 14, 2019 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm – tentative date

Meeting Dates and Times with Residents –

Once Tracing Roots participation is confirmed with you by Monday, October 22nd, and then you can email Nanci Levy at nlevy@handmaker.org with your chosen dates.

You will only need to choose four dates, for three meetings plus an alternate due to illness.

Expect the meeting to last one hour.

- Wednesday, November 7th at 3:30pm
- Wednesday, November 14th at 3:30pm
- Monday, November 19th at 4pm
- Wednesday, December 12th at 3:30pm
- Sunday, December 16th at 10am
- Sunday, December 16th at 3pm
- Wednesday, December 19th at 3:30pm
- Sunday, December 23rd at 10am
- Sunday, December 23rd at 3pm
- Thursday, December 27th at 1pm
- Friday, December 28th at 1pm
- Thursday, January 3rd at 1pm
- Friday, January 4th at 1pm
- Sunday, January 6th at 10am
- Sunday, January 6th at 3pm
- Monday, January 7th at 3:30pm
- Wednesday, January 9th at 3:30pm
- Sunday, January 13th at 10am
- Sunday, January 13th at 3pm
- Wednesday, January 16th at 3:30pm
- Wednesday, January 23rd at 3:30pm
- Monday, January 28th at 4:00pm
- Wednesday, January 30 at 3:30pm
- Sunday, February 3rd at 10am
- Sunday, February 3rd at 3pm
- Monday, February 4th at 4pm
- Wednesday, February 6th at 3:30pm
- Wednesday, February 13th at 3:30pm
- Sunday, February 17th at 3pm
- Monday, February 18th at 4pm
- Wednesday, February 20th at 3:30pm
- Thursday, February 21st at 1pm
- Friday, February 22nd at 9:30am
- Sunday, February 24th at 10am
- Sunday, February 24th at 3pm
- Monday, February 25th at 4pm
- Wednesday, February 27th at 3:30pm